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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

**Bruce L. KIEHNE**

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For : **SURGICAL SCALPEL WITH  
RETRACTABLE GUARD**

Group Art Unit: 3731

Examiner: **Julie A. Szpira**

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Attorney for applicant encloses a copy of Japanese Utility Model Publication No. 55-48439, cited during prosecution of the counterpart Japanese application. A translation of the document is enclosed.

The Japanese Utility Model Publication is listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449, or its equivalent.

Our check in the amount of \$180, is enclosed as a petition fee to secure entry, and consideration, of the Japanese Utility Model Publication. If any fees fall due and owing, kindly charge same to Deposit Account 08-2455.

Respectfully submitted,

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